

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed November 27, 2006 has been received and reviewed. Claims 5-7 and 26 are under consideration and stand rejected. The application is to be amended as previously set forth. All amendments and claim cancellations are made without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 5-7 and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as assertedly failing to comply with the written description requirement because the claims allegedly contain subject matter which was not adequately supported in the specification. Specifically, it was thought that there is an absence of sufficient recitation of distinguishing characteristics.

Applicants submit that the amendments to claims 5 and 26 overcome this concern and thereby render the rejections moot. Support for the amendments to the claims may be found in paragraph [0124] of the as-filed specification. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

Claims 5-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Specifically, it was thought unclear to what extent mimicry must occur.

Applicants submit that the amendments to claim 5 clarify that amino acid position 108 is mutated to mimic constitutive phosphorylation on a threonine residue. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

If questions remain after consideration of the foregoing, the Office is kindly requested to contact applicants' attorney at the address or telephone number given herein.



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